Camp at Boston Oct.r 27th 1774.

How shall I thank my good D.r Percy for the Letters he has been so kind as to write to me, or what return can I make Him for the Entertainment they have given me? As I find it is impossible, I'll give it up handsomely at once, & think no more of it.

Our affairs here are in the most Critical Situation imaginable; Nothing less than the total loss or Conquest of the Colonies must be the End of it. Either indeed is disagreeable, but one or the other is now absolutely necessary. We have got together a clever little Army here 8 Reg.ts of Infantry besides two which are daily expected, together with a pretty small train of Artillery. However many more will be wanted next Spring. You may judge a little of the temper of the People by an Address which I have enclosed to my Mother. Our Weather here is charming; It was so warm yesterday & is again so warm to day that I am obliged to sit with all my Windows open. Nay even this morning when I went to visit the Out-Posts at day-break it was

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quite mild & pleasant. But we must soon expect to change this Weather for Frost & Snow; for I am told the transition from Summer to Winter is very sudden in this Climate.

Do let me know in your next, how my Brother does, & what He is about. I have not received one letter from Him for upwards of a twelvemonth, tho' I have frequently wrote to Him. Adieu my Dear Doctor make my Compts agreeable to your Family & believe me to be

Your sincere Friend
Percy

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To

The Rev.d D.r Percy.

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